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SUBJ: ISRAELI PARTY ELECTION PLATFORMS -- ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES

1. WITH BELATED APPROVAL DEC 20 OF ALIGNMENT PLATFORM FOR DEC 31 KNESSET ELECTION, ALL MAJOR PARTY PLATFORMS NOW AVAILABLE. (LIKUD PLATFORM MADE PUBLIC DEC 19.) FOLLOWING IS COMPARISON OF PLATFORM PLANKS ON SELECTED KEY ISSUES RELATING TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT. EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN MAPAM-. INSPIRED ADDITIONS OF DEC 20, ALIGNMENT FORMATIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS (AS OPPOSED TO DOMESTIC ISSUES, ON WHICH MATERIAL WAS ADOPTED ONLY DEC 20) ARE AS ADPOTED DEC 6 IN 14-POINT DOCUMENT (TEL AVV 9619).

2. NEGOTIATIONS AND PEACE. ALIGNMENT PLATFORM STATES ISRAEL'S :CENTRAL AIM" IS TO MOVE AWAY FROM STATUS QUO AND TO ACHIEVE PEACE WITH NEIGHBORING STATES AND BUILD BONDS OF COOPERATION AMONG POEPL OF MIDDLE EAST. MAPAM-DRAFTED PARA WHICH WAS ADDED TO FOURTEEN POINT DOCUMENT ADOPTED DEC 6 (TEL AVIV 9119) SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBES ALIGNMENT--IN UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRAST TO LIKUD, PLATFORM OF WHICH "DOES NOT LEAD TO PEACE"--

AS THE PARTY WHICH WILL CONTINUE STRIVING FOR PEACE AND WHICH RECOGNIZES THAT TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS WILL BE NECESSARY TO THIS END. ALIGNMENT PLATFORM CALLS FOR ISRAEL TO SEEK PEACE AGREEMENTS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRELIMINARY CONDITIONS. ALIGNMENT PLATFORM IS SILENT ON MODALITIES FOR PEACE TALKS, WHEREAS LIKUD CALLS FOR PEACE TREATIES THROUGH DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. LIKUD PLATFORM ALSO ENDORSES ISRAEL'S "ASPIRING AND CONSTANT SEARCH FOR PEACE WITH THE ARAB STATES," BUT THIS IS ONLY MENTIONED AFTER PROVISION STRESSING JEWISH PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO "LAND OF ISRAEL" AND REJECTING ANY "REDIVISION" OF LAND OF ISRAEL--I.E. TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS ON WEST BANK.

3. BORDERS. (A) ALIGNMENT CALLS FOR PEACE AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL ASSURE "DEFENSIBLE BORDERS" BASED ON TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE AND DECLARES THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT RETURN TO JUNE 1967 BORDERS. NO SPECIFIC TERRITORIES ARE MENTIONED, BUT QUALIFICATIONS OF "DEFENSIBLE BORDERS" AS BEING THOSE WHICH WOULD ENABLE ISRAEL TO DEFEND ITSELF "EFFECTIVELY" AND TO FOIL "PLOTS TO CUT OFF ITS COMMUNICATIONS" IMPLIES TO VOTERS RETENTION OF GOLAN AND A SLICE OF SINAI (EFFECTIVE DEFENSE) AND HARM EL-SHEIKH (PROTECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS). ON OTHER HAND, CALL IN PLATFORM OF PRESERVATION OF JEWISH CHARACTER OF ISRAEL IMPLIES GIVING UP MOST OF GAZA STRIP AND GOOD PART OF WEST BANK. PLATFORM EXPLICITLY REJECTS WHAT IS CALLED LIKUD POLICY OF NOT RELINQUISHING AN INCH OF TERRITORY. (B) LIKUD DECLARES THE RIGHT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO THE WHOLE OF THE "LAND OF ISRAEL" (I.E. ISRAEL PLUS WEST BANK). AND, AS NOTED, REJECTS ANY PEACE PROPOSAL WHICH LEADS TO THE RE-DIVISION OF LAND OF ISRAEL. PEACE TREATIES SHOULD ASSURE SECURITY, WHICH IS TO BE LINKED WITH MAINTENANCE OF ISRAELI "RULE" OVER THOSE PARTS OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES "WHICH SERVED OUR ENEMIES OR ARE LIKELY TO SERVE THEN IN FUTURE AS BASES FOR AGGRESSION." (NOTE: CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF LIBERAL PARTY WING OF GAHAL DECEMBER 9 RESOLVED THAT IN ITS VIEW, TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE IN BOTH SINAI AND GOLAN HEIGHTS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE). (C) NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY STRESSES ISRAEL'S TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS RIGHT TO PROMISED LAND. IT REJECTS ANY PLAN RELINQUISHING PARTS OF THE HISTORICAL LAND OF ISRAEL (MEANING RETURN OF ANY PART OF WEST BANK). IN PEACE SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT NRP SEES ROOM FOR TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS ASSURING

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STRATEGIC DEPT, WHILE PEACE AND SYRIA MUST BE BASED ON RETENTION OF SOME IF NOT ALL OF GOLAN HEIGHTS AS SECURITY OFFICER.

4. ISRAELI ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. WHILE LIKUD CALLS FOR LARGE-SCALE JEWISH SETTLING IN WEST BANK, GAZA STRIP, AND GOLAN HEIGHTS, NRP LIMITS ITS FULL FOR LARGE SCALE SETTLING TO BE "LIBERATED AREAS OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL" (I.E. WEST BANK). ALIGNMENT PLEDGES ACTION TO CON-

TINUE AND CONSOLIDATE PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY SETTLEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOI DECISIONS, WITH "PRIORITY FOR CONSIDERATIONS OF SECURITY." MAPAM-INSPIRED ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH CALLS FOR ISRAEL (A) TO ENCOURAGE ARAB POPULATION IN TERRITORIES IN THEIR ACTIVITIES IN FIELDS OF ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND RELIGION, (B) TO FOSTER DEMOCRATIC PATTERNS IN PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL LIFE IN TERRITORIES, AND (C) TO AVOID METICULOUSLY ANY DEVIATIONS CLASHING WITH HUMANE PRINCIPLES OF GOI OCCUPATION POLICY (AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO SUCH IDF ACTIONS AS FORCED EVACUATION OF BEDOUIN IN NORTHEAST SINAI AND CROP SPRAYING AT AKRABA IN WEST BANK).

5. JERUSALEM. ALIGNMENT CALLS FOR UNITED JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL. NRP REJECTS ANY SOVEREIGNTY IN JERUSALEM EXCEPT ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY. LIKUD PLATFORM DOES NOT MENTION JERUSALEM.

6. PALESTINIANS AND PALESTINIAN ENTITY. ALIGNMENT PLATFORM REJECTS ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL SEPARATE PALESTINIAN ARAB STATE WEST OF JORDAN RIVER. "SELF-IDENTITY" OF PALESTINIANS MAY BE EXPRESSED IN JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN STATE ADJOINING ISRAEL. BOTH LIKUD AND NRP PLATFORM IN REJECTING SEPARATION OF WEST BANK FROM ISRAEL ARE SILENT ON IDEA OF TERRITORIAL SOLUTION TO PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. LIKUD CALLS FOR ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP TO BE OFFERED TO ALL RESIDENTS OF LAND OF ISRAEL (I.E. INCLUDING WEST BANK) AND FOR EQUALITY OF RIGHTS TO BE ASSURED TO ALL INHABITANTS LIVING UNDER ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY WHETHER CITIZENS OR NOT. NRP ASSURES ALL ARABS LIVING UNDER ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY OF CIVIC RIGHT AND PRESERVATION OF RELIGIOUS-CULTURAL AUTONOMY.

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